

Blessed is he that fears the Lord

Psal. 112

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius
[Soprano]

Medius
[Alto]
The first singing part

Contratenor
[Tenor]

Tenor
[Tenor]

Bassus
[Bass]

Bless - ed is he that fears the

Bless -

Bless - ed is he that fears the Lord, the

Bless - ed is he that fears the Lord, that fears the

Bless - ed is he that fears the Lord,

Lord, that fears the Lord, bless - ed is he that fears the Lord, he

-ed is he that fears the Lord, that fears the Lord, he walk - eth

Lord, that fears the Lord, bless - ed is he that fears the Lord,

10

Lord, he walk - eth in his ways, and sets his great

he walk - eth in his ways and sets his

walk - eth in his ways, he walk - eth in his ways, and sets

in his ways, in his ways, he walk - eth in his ways, his ways, and

he walk - eth in his ways, he walk - eth in his ways,

de - light there - in, the length of all his

great de - light there - in, the length of all his

his great de - light there - in, the length of all his

sets his great de - light there - in, the length of all his days.

the length of all his days, the length of all his

days, his days. His seed and those which of him come, which

days. His seed and those which of

days. His seed and those which of him

His seed and those which of him come, which

days. His seed and those which of him come, and

of him come, migh - ty on earth shall be, migh - ty on earth

him come migh - ty on earth shall be:

come, migh - ty on earth shall be, migh - ty on earth

of him come, migh - ty on earth shall be: The race of

those which of him come, migh - ty on earth shall be, migh -

— shall be: The race of such as faith - ful are,

The race of such as faith - ful are, men

shall be: The race of such as faith - ful are, men

such as faith - ful are, men bless - ed shall them see,

-ty on earth shall be: The race of such as faith - ful are,

men bless - ed shall them see, men bless - ed shall them see, men bless - ed

bless - ed shall them see, men bless - ed shall

bless - ed shall them see, men bless - ed shall

men bless - ed shall them see, men bless - ed shall them

— men bless - ed shall them see, men bless - ed shall them see, men bless - ed

shall them see, shall them see. The race of such

— them see. The race of such as faith -

— them see, shall them see. The race of

— see. The race of such as faith - ful are,

shall them see, men bless - ed shall them see, shall them see. The

as faith - ful are, men bless - ed shall them see, *men*

- ful are, men bless - ed shall them see,

such as faith - ful are, men bless - ed shall them see,

men bless - ed shall them see, men bless - ed shall them

race of such as faith - ful are, men bless - ed shall them see, men

40

bless - ed shall them see, men bless - ed shall them see.

men bless - ed shall them see.

men bless - ed shall them see.

see, men bless - ed shall them see.

bless - ed shall them see, men bless - ed shall them see.

Source: William Byrd: *Psalmes, Sonets, & songs of sadnes and pietie* (London, 1588), no.8.

Text: Anonymous metrical version of Psalm 112

III.3 Underlay crowded, but clear in 7

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Blessed is hee that feares the Lord,
hee walketh in his waies:
And sets his great delight therein
the length of all his daies. | 6. Though stormes doe fall and tempests rise,
the righteous shall stand fast:
A good remembrance of the just,
for ever that shall last. |
| 2. His seede and those which of him come,
mightie on earth shall bee:
The race of such as faithfull are,
men blessed them shall see. | 7. None evill tidings shall him feare,
his heart is fully set:
Hee trusteth and beleeves the Lord,
that will not him forget. |
| 3. Plenteousnesse within his house,
and want there shalbe never:
His righteous and upright dealing,
dure shall for ever. | 8. A stablished heart within his breast,
no feare where so hee goes:
The Lord in justice will revenge,
the malice of his foes. |
| 4. In mistie clouds of troubles dark,
which doe the just oppresse:
The Lord in mercie sends them light,
and easeth their distresse. | 9. A hand that doth relieve the poore,
for which he may be sure:
A good report will follow him,
that alwaies shall endure. |
| 5. The righteous man is mercifull,
and lendeth where is neede:
Hee guides with judgement all his things,
be it in word or deede. | 10. This shall the wicked see and fret
and wast away with ire:
Perish shall and consume to naught,
all that hee doth desire. |